

From: stan killian
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 4:19 PM
Subject: deregulating of the FCC

Dear Sir,

Please do all you can to stop greater corporate control over the media. A lot of people I speak to fear that more corporate control over the FCC could turn an already biased media into a dangerous propaganda machine.

Sincerely,
Stan Killian

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From: Jon Paul McClellan
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 4:34 PM
Subject: consolidation

The consolidation of media control is part of the plan to turn our country into a fascist state. If you are in favor of media consolidation you are in favor of fascism. Nepotism is one of the sure signs of fascism. In the FCC we have a perfect example of this phenomenon. It cannot possibly be true that Powell was the best choice to head the FCC. He is a part of the criminal cabal that is taking over our country. He is to be condemned for his evil design and his corrupt assumption of power.

From: raymond millhouse
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 4:34 PM
Subject: ensure diversity

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From: Gary McKinnon
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, senator@feinstein.senate.gov, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 4:55 PM
Subject: The public airwaves

Greetings,

This is a letter to congressional representatives and commissioners of the FCC regarding media ownership limitations.

The vast majority of Americans believe too few corporations own too many media outlets in this country. In spite of this the FCC is expected to ease restrictions to allow even more consolidation. These powerful corporations have bought the favors of the commission with expensive travel accommodations to influence their votes and to override the concerns of private citizens. The proof of their intentions is demonstrated by the fact that some networks have never covered news of this important decision.

Please stop this trend of limiting the diversity of viewpoint and opinion in our democracy. Vote against relaxing limits on ownership of the information and entertainment media.

Thank you,
Gerald McKinnon

From: MARVINB696@aol.com
To: president@whitehouse.gov
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 6:11 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Mr. President,

Please stop the vote by the FCC Commissioners in the first part of June on the Media Concentration Rules. Have a brief Postponement to allow public reaction. Since this is going to affect every American Citizen and you always say Quote Protect the American people.

We have too much monopoly now and if this passes it will open up the flood gates. I now have to the real news from out of this country, what do you think I will get if this passes more and more of the all ready controled news shoved down our thoats.

Would like to hear from you on this subject.

Thank You,

Marvin Brown
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CC: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM
KJMWEB

From: Bunnyraskin@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 6:49 PM
Subject: (no subject)

We want the FCC to maintain the present regulations, and not let the media be owned by a few corporations. The airwaves belong to the public. We object to the proposal made by Powell.

Dorri Raskin
Florence Raskin
Jerry Raskin

From: Michael Halmick
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 7:10 PM
Subject: We can't get the truth out of the networks now. Don't let them get bigger!

Michael Halmick
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Sincerely,

Michael S. Halmick

From: Marjorie L. Comer
To: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 10:36 PM
Subject: Voting

Dear Members of the Federal Communications Commission,

On June 2 you will be voting on one of the most crityical new guidelines which would change ownership rules for the mass media industry. Of course the media conglomerates are lobbying for the changes (and I am a stockholder in quite a few). However, as a citizen I am strongly opposed to an accelerated deregulation and consolidation of media ownership. It is FCC's mission to protect the PEOPLES' free airwaves! I urge you to vote "NO" for the ownership changes and to uphold the best interests of the citizens whom you should represent and protect. Many thanks for your consideration. Sincerely, Marjorie L. Comer Placerville, CA

From: David L. Pedersen
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 24, 2003 10:56 PM
Subject: Medica Concentration - "sun shine" on proposal

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Than you for representing me, a poor person in the united States.

I wish more commissioners had your ethics, and concerns for our Demcrocy" and protect the public from the concentration of information power, that concentration of media markets, and media corporations, and their owner's.

Thank you for working to protect the United States from the abuse that Concentration of the Media will do to our freedom to know, our freedom to investigate, our Demcrocy.

I firmly believe, that the concentration of media ownership is the beginning of the end of our Demcrocy as we know it in the United States.

Again, Thank you for representing me. I wish I could afford to wine and dine your fellow commissioners, to buy their votes, as they have been bought by the mass media corporations. But, I shouldn't have to.

The poor people voted President Bush into office, if they ever they wake up to what his appointees as done to their lives, by their ruleings, which seem to favor the extreme rich corporation, and their boards, there is a chance for a grass roots revolte. and a lot of anti trust work to be completed.

Signed David Pedersen

From: Richard and Sharon Sorg
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 7:59 AM
Subject: Listen to the Consumer when considering the Upcoming Decision

5-24-03

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I understand that you and your fellow Commissioner's are about to make it easier for giant media companies to own more media outlets in a single market. I thought you might want to hear from a media consumer on the issue.

I enjoy listening to radio at night and believe that even in today's market I have little choice in programming as a result of large nationally owned corporations dominating the radio market. I would much rather have my choice of many local programs than the poor quality programming forced upon even in the present situation.

Media options such as cable and satellite radio are limiting the options of senior citizens on fixed incomes.

Please consider the individual consumer in making this decision.

Respectfully,
Richard W. Sorg
Cincinnati, Ohio

From: Kate Johnson
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 9:14 AM
Subject: Responsibility is the Price of Freedom

Kate Johnson
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Sincerely,

Kate Johnson

From: RicoD28@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 9:21 AM
Subject: Proposed Changes

I speak for 8 families that asked me to send this to you - 43 people. We are all sick and tired of all this Political Correctness run amuck and violating the basic premise of our constitution. We are all dedicated to boycotting everything that smacks of PC and allowing small vocal minorities to continue to cry and whine about their addenda's. Just look at the growth of FOX News ... there is a reason. Never again will we tolerate anything that smacks of PC in our businesses, who we purchase our products from, who we advertise with and to, ETC. I for one have dropped each supplier that is Liberal and/or bows to PC and it has not hurt any of my [our] businesses - Publishing, Eco Environment products, farming - Cattle/Hay, Custom Vehicles - Hot Rods - Kit Cars, Cellular Phone + DSL supplier/installer. AND YES we are firing the incompetent, ignorant and PC. NEVER AGAIN SINCE 11 SEPT 2001.

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From: Georgia Guida
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 9:23 AM
Subject: Serve the PUBLIC interest

Georgia Guida
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May 25, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps
445 12th Street SW
Washington, 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Georgia Guida

From: RicoD28@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB
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We also do not advertise with any PC company and clearly state this in our businesses. YES we are firing the incompetent, ignorant and PC, and grossly overweight [health hazard-increases the health cost to us all.

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CC: Commissioner Adelstein

From: John G. Moore
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 10:08 AM
Subject: Reducing regulations which would allow companies to own more mediaoutlets

Sir:

It alarms me that the FCC is no longer representing the interests of the American People and instead have become pawns of the media giants. As one who watched Hitler come to power,(aided by the media) it is quite apparent that a strong Democracy needs a diverse media. It is already difficult to find an unbiased report on what is going on in America.Now you seem determined to give your rich friends an even greater strangle hold on what is presented to the public. You are supposed to be public servants! Don't pass this bill.

John G. Moore
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps

From: TRDJB@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 10:45 AM
Subject: Do not raise the Cap

To the Commissioners of the FCC:

By raising the cap on media monopolies you will effectively destroy Americans' right to a free press, which is guaranteed to us under the First Amendment to the US Constitution. As a citizen of the United States of America I demand that you keep the media caps where they are. A free country demands a free press, and it is your duty to keep that intact for the people whom you serve.

Best,

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From: Monica Yane
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 11:43 AM
Subject: comment on proposed changes

I am writing to protest the proposed loosening of limits on media ownership. I am concerned about the harm done to democracy when a few corporations control our media. I call attention to the recent reprehensible campaign against the Dixie chicks staged by Clear Channel Communications. Clear Channel would not have been able to stifle dissent as they did if not for deregulation. Please vote this dangerous proposal down.

Monica Yane
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From: AjKelly7@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 12:50 PM
Subject: what is "public interest?"

"The public interest at its core is the same thing as my oath of office: a commitment to making sure the American consumer is benefited.... I try to make the best judgment I can in ways I think will benefit consumers. Beyond that I don't know. I'm still trying to figure it out." - FCC Chairman Michael Powell

dear mr. powell,
i hope you will please consider "public interest" as being in the best interest of the american "citizen," not the american "consumer." public interest is not about consumerism, it is about democracy.
thank you for listening.
amy

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Tristan Brown
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 1:07 PM
Subject: Democracy is in YOUR Hands

To whom it may concern,

You (Chairman, commissioners, secretaries) hold democracy in your hands. You have the power to change the world. With the impending vote June 2nd, you have the power to notably change the way the world views the rest of the world. I urge you to listen to your constituents. Listen to the people of this great country. We are already ignorant of so much in this world. Further conglomeration will only serve to dull our narrow minds, and reduce the power of this democracy.

Please exercise your power to influence in a positive way. Look deep in your heart. Search your spiritual side. What does your conscience tell you?

You will choose what is right for this great country.

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From: Christopher Lamb
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 2:18 PM
Subject: Free Speech

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Sincerely,

Christopher Lamb

From: Beherenowplease2@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 3:08 PM
Subject: (no subject)

Thank you so much for your tenacity and courage to go around the country trying to have hearings on the upcoming vote on media ownership. I saw you on Bill Moyers and you are TRULY a champion of Democracy. I have sent letters to the other four commissioners urging them to do their duty as regulators and prevent the snowballing of the Media Monopolization of critical information.

We cannot afford LESS information about our world. We need access to multiple viewponts in order to be an informed electorate. Thank you for all your efforts!!

PLease copy this and use it anyway you need to! Maureen Forman, Palm Desert, California.

From: JHC
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 3:26 PM
Subject: NO TO FCC DEGREULATION

I have been a resident of New Mexico since 1969, and am presently a high school teacher in Albuquerque.

I am strongly opposed to any action by the FCC which would allow ownership of media outlets to be further concentrated, vote now pending June 2.

The critical issue it seems to me is not concerning local ability to select and air various kinds of entertainment or even to discuss local news, as I have heard presented, but rather is squarely concerned with being able to hear a variety of views on significant national news issues e.g. issues of war, social and environmental health. We need diversity of ownership in my view to ensure airing of diverse viewpoints. A reduction in management of news sources will most certainly not support the kind of wide ranging thought processes I believe an electorate of the most powerful nation must have to make good decisions. It is inconceivable to me that allowing a ruling to narrow our sources of news would be good for the nation.

What happened to concern over monopolistic practices, re the Sherman Act, in this subject? I for one, could not say more strongly how I oppose what I view as surely a de-facto reduction in our freedom to gain information to guide us in these critical times, and I am appalled that Chairman Powell has denied more time to debate the issue. Why would he do this? What harm could there possibly be in gaining more time for national discourse on this vital issue?

Please use your influence to get a delay in the upcoming ruling and to guide against any reduction in variety of ownership of news stations and organizations.

Sincerely,

John H. Colvin

From: June's email
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, June Rusten
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 4:03 PM
Subject: Re: FCC Media Ownership Rules

Dear Chairman Powell and FCC Commissioners:

I urge you to keep the current regulations in place and, if anything strengthen them. The American people own these airways. Broadcasters are supposed to serve the public interest. Instead, weakening and relaxing the regulations would only serve a handful of media moguls and their share holders.

Our democracy needs real news with diverse viewpoints. Citizens cannot make informed decisions if the news is controlled by fewer and fewer corporations. The result is a skewing of news coverage, which is disastrous for the free flow of information.

If you allow a greater concentration of power and influence to continue in the hands of fewer companies, independent voices will have virtually no medium in which to express their ideas or even to get unbiased news.

You represent all Americans, not just the large corporations who have wined and dined you. You are the stewards of our airways. I pray and trust that you rise to the occasion and listen to Commissioner Michael Copps, who I've heard give his views on how relaxing the regulations would undermine our democracy.

Sincerely,
June Rusten, 1733 Dunmore, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Cc. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow

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